

State Transportation Commission

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Overview

- Construction Quality Partnership
- Local Jobs Today



Construction Quality Partnership

- **Objective: Partnering with others to produce higher quality highways and bridges**
- **2003: Partnering regarding meaningful warranties for construction projects**
- **2004: Strategic Forum on Quality and Warranties**
- **Late 2004: Moving towards Michigan Construction Quality Partnership (CQP) for transportation**

Construction Quality Partnership Plans

- Development of training programs
- Training and certification
 - Strategic
 - Technical
 - Hands-On
- Improvements
- Signing of Charter – April



Local Jobs Today

Local Economic Acceleration Package

- Extension of Jobs Today announcement made in October 2005
- Stimulate the economy and provide jobs today by:
 - Accelerating construction of local transportation projects
 - Leveraging available federal funding



Financial Assistance

- **\$80 million – Local Federal Fund Program**
 - Grant program
 - Must be used to match federal funding
- **\$320 million – Advance Construct Local Loan Program**
 - Repaid with FHWA/FTA funds
 - Interest costs paid by local agencies



Target Projects

- Earmarked in SAFETEA-LU
 - High Priority Projects HPP
- Accelerated STIP/TIP projects
 - Scheduled for 2007, advanced to 2006
 - Scheduled for 2008, advanced to 2007
- Earmarked transit capital projects



Criteria

- Limited to physical construction and construction engineering
- Projects must begin in 2006 or 2007
- Match assistance limited to 25% of available federal funding
- Sufficient total funding must be identified
 - Costs beyond federal funding and state match are the local agency's responsibility

Local Federal Match Program

- Governor Granholm's Announcement
- Introduction of Bill
 - (Senator Prusi)



Next Steps

- 1. CRAM, MML, MPTA develop review process, compile and submit list of projects**
- 2. MDOT review – to ensure criteria satisfied**
- 3. Invest in the transportation system**